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Scoping – Capital to Tahoe Trail Proposed Action

The Carson Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is proposing the construction of a new trail system, called Capital to Tahoe. The trail would be located between Marlette Peak and Snow Valley peak at the crest of the Carson Range. The project lies within T15N R19E and covers portions of sections 6, 7, 8, 15, 16 and 17, Mount Diablo Meridian. Portions of the trail will also be constructed on Nevada State Parks lands and a small portion of private.

The Proposed Action would include approximately 7 miles of a new single-track trail segment on Forest Service managed lands, then transition to approximately 3 miles of a new single-track trail segment on lands managed by Nevada State Parks, for a total of approximately 10 miles. Installation of new trail signage would also occur. This action would create an interconnected trail system that would provide quality recreation opportunities while minimizing impacts and reducing the potential for user conflicts. This would provide increased opportunities for recreational users of National Forest System lands. The trail system would also disperse increasing recreation use on National Forest System lands by reducing trail use in high-use and sensitive areas.

The project will include full bench construction of the new trail that will be open to all non-motorized uses including hiking, mtn. biking and equestrian. Estimated trail length is approximately ten miles and would be constructed to Forest Service specifications, with an average trail grade of 6%. Installation will be accomplished by utilizing machine and hand-built labor through a combination of volunteer and professional services. Anticipated construction is proposed to start summer of 2021, with completion in 2022.

